

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Simply move the A bill to go along with the bill we just passed.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens. Any other discussion? Seeing none, any closing? It's waived. The question is the advancement of LB 524A to E & R Initial. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of 524A.

SENATOR HALL: LB 524A is advanced. The next item, General File, LB 326, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: LB 326, Mr. President, introduced by Senator Warner. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 11, referred to the Banking Committee, advanced to General File. I have no amendments to the bill at this time.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Warner, to open on the bill.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, LB 326 was introduced to carry on into statute provisions that were provided in the appropriation bill a couple years ago for job training. Those of you that were here at least will recall that there was \$6 million put into place, placed in a fund in the appropriation bill for job training under a certain criteria. There also was provisions within that act how it was to be administered and that, of course, expires on June 30th of this year when the appropriation to that bill no longer exists. So the purpose of LB 326 was to put into statute similar types of guidelines to be used for dispensing job training funds and among...I should initially that these proposals are somewhat similar to what was in the act but they also reflect some of the kinds of provisions that other states have for similar types of programs. But among the criteria to be eligible to receive job training grants and these are outside of nonfederal funds because they have their own set of criteria, but the kind of things that are (inaudible) that they would be a wage level that meets with local prevailing average, will diversify the local economy, will produce goods and services that are export oriented. Seventy-five percent of the new jobs will be full time and will be created within three calendars years. In